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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Health Warnings
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether according to the international status report on Cigarette Package Health Warnings, 2014 India is ranked 136 among 198 countries in terms of pictorial health warning, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government is considering to enhance further the size of health warning on cigarette package, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): As per the report titled Cigarette Package Health Warnings: International Status Report, compiled by Canadian Cancer Society with contributions from the World Health Organization Tobacco Free Initiative, the Campaign for Tobacco- Free Kids, and the Framework Convention Alliance, India is ranked 136 among 198 countries based on warning size on packages of Cigarettes.
The above report was published in September, 2014.

(b): The Government has already enhanced the size of health warnings on tobacco product packages vide notification of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Rules, 2014, dated 15th October, 2014 and further notification dated 24th September, 2015 which mandates specified health warnings covering 85% of the principal display area of the packages of tobacco products with effect from 1st April, 2016.